

OPEGA Biennial Work Plan for 2015-2016 (Status updated as of 2-1-16)

Project Topic	Resp Dept	Phase	General Scope	Detailed Scope Avail?
In Progress				
Riverview Psychiatric Center	Dept. of Health and Human Services	Fieldwork and Reporting	Assessment of reporting avenues for staff and patients; response to reports of incidents and professional concerns; data and performance metrics reported by RPC to oversight entities; and other potential areas of concern.	Yes
State Lottery	DAFS Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	Fieldwork	Governance and oversight of State Lottery; Lottery considerations for decisions on game offerings and marketing including whether particular demographic or geographic groups are targeted; how lottery winnings are considered when determining eligibility for public benefits; and analysis of lottery tickets purchases and winnings by county.	Yes
Tax Expenditure Evaluation: Employment Tax Increment Financing	Dept. of Economic and Community Development	Fieldwork	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes
Tax Expenditure Evaluation: Pine Tree Development Zones	Dept. of Economic and Community Development	Fieldwork	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes
Tax Expenditure Evaluation: New Markets Capital Investment Credit	Finance Authority of Maine	Fieldwork	Fiscal impacts, effectiveness of program design; extent to which program is achieving intended purposes and goals; extent to which those benefiting are the intended beneficiaries; administration of the program; and extent to which program is coordinated with, complementary to or duplicative of other programs with similar purposes and goals.	Yes

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Special Project: Tax Expenditure Expedited Reviews - Necessity of Life	Various	Planning	Provide Taxation Committee with information for conducting expedited reviews to include: description of the tax policy under review, description of each related tax expenditure and how the benefit is distributed; intended beneficiaries, fiscal impact and legislative history.	No
Completed				
DHHS Workplace Culture and Environment	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Workplace culture and environment within DHHS, including management behavior and treatment of employees, and whether it is conducive to recruiting, retaining and engaging capable, knowledgeable and motivated employees.	No
Office of Information Technology	Dept of Admin and Financial Services		Follow-up to monitor OIT goals and action plans for improvements in project management, disaster recovery and business continuity, and supporting the State's data and information needs.	Yes
State Funding of Good Will - Hinckley School	Good Will - Hinckley School		To determine the facts associated with alleged proposed changes to State funding for Good Will - Hinckley School for the upcoming Biennium and any impacts on the School of those changes.	No
Special Project: Tax Expenditure Programs Phase II	NA		As established by Resolve Chapter 115 (LD 1463), develop proposal for implementing ongoing Legislative review of tax expenditure programs for consideration by Taxation Committee. Proposal to include classification and schedule for tax expenditure reviews, evaluation parameters and review criteria, data and data sources, options for stakeholder and public comment, assessment of resources needed and suggested revisions to statute.	No
Suspended				
DHHS Licensing and Regulation of Child Care Providers	Dept of Health & Human Services- Bureau of Licensing and Regulatory Services	Fieldwork	Staffing and other resources for licensing and regulation of child care providers; policies, procedures and practices related to identified issues and complaints against providers	No

Planned

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DHHS Audit Functions	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Effectiveness of DHHS audit functions in identifying and addressing fraud, waste and abuse in programs administered by the Department.	No
Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority	NNEPRA		Assessment of use of resources; procurement and contracting; oversight and governance; long and short range planning; and achievement of statutory purpose.	No
Public Utilities Commission	Public Utilities Commission		Assessment of extent to which the PUC independently assesses risks and costs associated with ensuring safe, reasonable and adequate electrical services.	No
The Fund for A Healthy Maine	Dept. of Health and Human Services		Grantees' management and actual use of Fund for a Healthy Maine funds; portion of FHM funds used for administration; extent to which grantees are dependent on FHM funds.	No